

Foreword of the editor

Editor in Chief: Gábor L. Kovács, MD, PhD, DSc

Dr. Ronda Greaves (Australia) was asked to be the guest editor of this special issue on “Recent Developments in the Clinical Application of Mass Spectrometry”. Dr. Ronda Greaves is the Senior Lecturer in Clinical Biochemistry at Royal Melbourne Institute of Technology University and an Honorary Research Fellow at the Murdoch Children’s Research Institute in Melbourne Australia. She is an active Member of the Australasian Association of Clinical Biochemists and Australasian Paediatric Endocrine Group and a Founding Fellow of the Royal College of Pathologists of Australasia Faculty of Science. Ronda completed her PhD on “Current Challenges in the Interpretation of Paediatric Clinical Biochemistry Test Results”. Her training and continued interest is in ensuring the quality of paediatric clinical biochemistry results. Specifically, she has received two scholarships to undertake training in paediatric steroid analysis at the Children’s Hospital in Zurich, Switzerland and has also received training at Sahlgrenska Hospital in Gothenburg, Sweden.

In addition, Ronda is active as a technical adviser to the biochemistry department at the National Hospital of Pediatrics in Hanoi, Vietnam, and

contributes to scientific output through peer reviewed publications, referee of manuscripts, and membership of the editorial board for the journals Clinical Biochemistry and Clinical Mass Spectrometry. Ronda currently serves on the following committees: 1) officer of the IFCC as a member of the Committee for Distance Learning; where she is coordinating the development of mass spectrometry distance learning material; 2) chair of the Asia Pacific Federation of Clinical Biochemistry and Laboratory Medicine Mass Spectrometry Harmonisation Working Group; 3) Joint Committee for Traceability in Laboratory Medicine review team member for vitamins and non-peptide hormones; 4) Australasian Paediatric Endocrine Group Subcommittee on Disorders of Sex Differentiation/Development; and 5) European Cooperation in Science and Technology Action BM1303 on Disorders of Sex Differentiation/Development Networking Group for the “Harmonisation of Laboratory Assessment”.

As the editor-in-chief of the journal, I am thankful to Dr. Greaves for accepting the responsibility of guest editing this issue.